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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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FROM : Cord Meyer, Jr., SA/DDCI

SUBJECT : Progress Report on PRM 30 - Terrorism

1. I attach the revised terms of reference for PRM 30 agreed to by the working group on 29 June. I also attach the revised work schedule.

2. I have informed Colonel Odom that [Redacted] will be the CIA representative on subgroup 3 and, as chairman of that subgroup, he will be responsible for seeing to it that the necessary work gets done to meet the revised schedule. I have also informed Colonel Odom that I am the CIA representative on the Committee on Organization, but that in my absence on vacation from 1-15 July [Redacted] will be acting for me.

3. During my absence, any questions regarding the PRM 30 should be addressed to [Redacted] His room number is GB 0704 and his telephone numbers are [Redacted]

[Redacted]
Cord Meyer, Jr.

Attachments: As stated

cc:

[Redacted]

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REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR PRM 30

- I. The President has directed that the SCC review our policy and procedure for dealing with terrorism at the NSC and interdepartmental level. In order to answer the questions raised by the PRM, the Working Group on Terrorism will organize into two committees: one to address capabilities and policy, one to address organization. The committees will produce options papers for the Working Group by July 22. The Working Group will review these papers and combine them into a final report by August 1.

- II. The following is a breakdown of the committee structure and tasking:

Committee on Policy and Capability

Subgroup P/C-1

Chairman: State

Composition: State, Justice/FBI, FAA, DOD/JCS, DOT,
Treasury/Secret Service

Issue: Whether there should be an explicit policy for negotiating with terrorists and, if so, recommendations for alternative policies and the level at which the policy should be set.

For consideration:

- Should there be a single USG policy for dealing with all types of terrorist incidents or should there be separate but parallel policies tailored to fit the differing circumstances of international and domestic incidents?

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CONSIDERATION

- If an explicit policy or policies are desirable what options are available?
- Should there be any public dissemination of an approved policy or policies?

Subgroup P/C-2

Chairman: Justice/FBI

Composition: ERDA, DOD/JCS, State, Justice/FBI,
DOT/FAA, Treasury/Secret Service, ACDA

Issue: The adequacy of current USG capabilities for dealing with a spectrum of terrorist threats.

For consideration:

- Assessment of current capabilities, noting problem areas with recommendations for developing additional capabilities (and the costs and benefits involved) in the following areas:
 - Legal/Law Enforcement
 - Economic
 - Diplomatic
 - Military

Subgroup P/C-3

Chairman: CIA

Composition: CIA, DOD/JCS, Justice/FBI, Treasury, State,
ERDA, DOT/USCG

Issue: Collection and dissemination of intelligence on terrorist activities.

For consideration:

- Assessment of costs and benefits of recommendations to improve:
 - Collection
 - Information Management and Control
 - Analysis
 - Legal problems and restrictions in EO 11905, FOIA, Privacy Act

Committee on Organization

Chairman: NSC

Composition: State, Justice/FBI, DOD/FAA, CIA, DOD/JCS, Treasury/Secret Service/U. S. Customs Service/Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

Issue: (1) Further clarification of lines of authority and jurisdiction for handling terrorist incidents:

For consideration:

The problem of overlapping jurisdictions in domestic-international incidents.

- The implications of a lead agency concept.
- The feasibility of memoranda of understanding between State and domestic agencies.

The feasibility of memoranda of understanding between the USG and other countries.

Issue: (2) Whether an ongoing interagency group should continue to exist.

For consideration:

If an interagency group should continue to exist, what should be its:

- Functions
- Size; Membership
- Chairmanship

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Links between interagency group and the SCC, and other agencies.

Issue: (3) Level of required secretariat support.

For consideration:

- Functions
- Size
- Location (in which agency?)

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REVISED WORK SCHEDULE FOR PRM 30

June 17	Initial meeting of Working Group; organization and Terms of Reference
June 29	Working Group meets to discuss Terms of Reference
July 1	Committees begin work
July 22	Organization options/issues/recommendation papers due to NSC
July 26 - Aug 1	Working Group reconvenes to discuss and revise papers
Mid-August	SCC meeting on terrorism policy and organization recommended by Working Group
	President reviews SCC recommendations

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